

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to add a cross-reference to the Parent, and to conform to clerical changes made in the Parent. No new matter has been entered.

FIGS. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 have been amended to conform to U.S. practice. The legend "PRIOR ART" has been added to FIG. 6.

Claims 7-10, 12, 15-17, 19 and 32 are being pursued in the Parent, and have been cancelled. The remaining claims have been amended to address various rejections raised by the Examiner in the earlier prosecution of the Parent including, specifically, the art rejection of certain of the claims as raised in the prosecution of the Parent. In this regard, Applicant notes the primary reference cited in the Parent, Kaloyeros et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,077,571) does not teach direct current substrate bias control using a controller enabling real time control of the process parameters. Furthermore, Stoner does not supply the missing. Claim 1 requires that the controller supply current to the power supply, and that the power supply supplies a d.c. electric potential to said substrate or a film deposited thereupon. Stoner et al. does not teach such a controller. Stoner teaches a controller that allows for real time control of the electrical biasing of a film 61 formed adjacent a substrate 60 and a substrate holder 59 (FIG. 1B). Nowhere does Stoner et al. teach a controller for a power supply that supplies current to either a substrate or a film deposited thereupon. Thus, Stoner et al. cannot anticipate the controller found in claim 1, nor any claims dependent therefrom.

Examination of the Application in its amended form is respectfully requested.

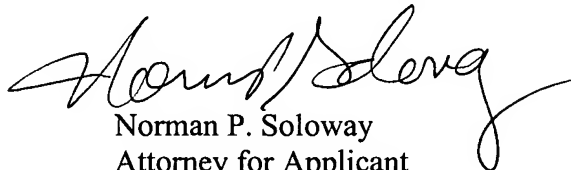
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